



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2015

publicity pamphlets; counties; municipalities
Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

DPA Committee on Judiciary

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OVERVIEW

HB 2015 prohibits the mailing of early ballots in local initiative or referendum elections if the publicity pamphlet has not yet been mailed and prescribes penalties for contractors who mail pamphlets after early balloting begins.

PROVISIONS

1. Prohibits an election officer from mailing early ballots for an initiative or referendum election in a county, city or town until at least one day after the last day that the publicity pamphlets are mailed.
2. Requires any contract for publicity pamphlet publication or mailing to contain a penalty for each day of mailing that occurs either on or after the earliest day that early ballots are received by voters.
 - a. Prescribes a penalty of \$1 per day, per each household with a registered voter.
 - b. Monies are paid to the office of the elections officer.
3. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2017.
4. Makes technical, clarifying and conforming changes.

AMENDMENTS IN JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Removes the prohibition on mailing early ballots until at least one day after the last day that the publicity pamphlets are mailed.

CURRENT LAW

[A.R.S. § 19-141](#) outlines the process for initiatives and referendums in counties, cities and towns. Subsection B requires the city or town clerk or the county election officer to distribute publicity pamphlets to every household where a registered voter resides. This must be accomplished before the earliest date that registered voters may receive an early ballot. If the pamphlet is not mailed before that date, the election officer must include with the early ballot information on when the publicity pamphlet will be mailed and where the pamphlets may be accessed or viewed. This section prohibits the mailing of pamphlets less than 10 days before the election. General publicity pamphlet procedures are provided in [A.R.S. § 19-123](#).